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FOR

CHURCH AND LABOR PROBLEMS

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THE labor question is fundamentally a moral and a religious question. It will never be settled upon any other basis. Therefore the church has a most important part in the solution of this world-problem. And because it is a world-problem, it must be studied in the most comprehensive manner. No little two-by-four scheme will solve this question.

"Our office is a clearing house. Into it comes, with almost every mail, from various and world-wide sources, the latest and most exact information affecting every phase of the workingman problem, as it concerns the Church. Out of it goes, with even more frequency, by mail, messenger, telephone, and telegram, the carefully digested and systematically tabulated information to pastor and to Christian worker, to student and to teacher.

"There is a science in business—the result of co-ordinated experience. There should be a science of city missions. Our Christian workers should be spared the humiliation of blundering experiment. We are trying to make our department meet this need. It is our aim to make it the best informed office in the world on the subjects which we are studying. At the service of every minister and every member of the Presbyterian Church, and absolutely without any charge, this phase of our work should become of increasing value to the whole Church."

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Subjects for Special Study

By the Presbyterian Department of Church and Labor

It is the old "city mission" problem that we are studying, but from a new viewpoint. Recognizing the fact that present-day conditions demand new methods, we are trying to meet them in the spirit of the twentieth century.

Our department is almost constantly advising ministers and other Christian workers with reference to the subjects contained in this pamphlet.

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